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### Claim 13

The invention of claim 13 appears to involve an inventive step over document 1 cited in the ISR.

Document 1 does not describe an organic/inorganic hybrid polymeric material manufactured by hydrolyzing and polycondensing polyester or polycarbonate having in a main chain a specific unit with a reactive siliconcontaining group. However, because of this feature, the invention of the present invention has the advantageous effect of having a high degree of cross-linking in which covalently bonded microscopic metal oxides are mutually micro-dispersed.